

MEETING MINUTES
MID CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 11, 2014 – Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. - Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Michael Brown, George Kearns, Bob Logan, Ben Petrone and Steve Vieira

Absent: Douglas Tucker (unexcused)

County: Dawn Harrison, Tara Musselman, Joanne Vernon, and Sandy Wright

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Member terms were reviewed. There is one vacancy for an alternate member on this committee.

The minutes from January 6, 2014 were unanimously approved as written.

Business:

- Sunshine Lake/Sunrise Waterway Project – The project is still underway. The dredge of the lake is complete. The contractors are currently working on the Sunrise Waterway between Gertrude and US 41. Debris is still being removed and the amount remains consistent. Ms. Vernon passed out the final scope of work from Atkins for the nutrient study. SWFWMD will pay \$50,000 for their portion of the scope. This document is currently in the attorney's office for review. The project should start by rainy season or a little before. Water quality testing must be done in a special format for SWFWMD however; the County's report requirements are more in depth than SWFWMD. The County wants SWFWMD to get the water management information after the project is complete because it is within SWFWMD's study and it may allow the county to be eligible for additional funding. Water testing will be performed throughout the rainy season. There will be ground water testing, seepage testing and the soil underneath the lake will be tested. The construction of the recharge wells are set to begin after the algae removal is complete; the County would like the recharge wells to be done sooner than later. The permit for the weir required upsizing the culverts under Gertrude. The weirs will be constructed after the algae removal is complete. There was discussion regarding problem solving solutions. Ms. Vernon stated that Atkins has worked on these types of problems for 30 years and the County doesn't want to go ahead with the weirs until Atkins agrees it is ok to proceed. The lake water is being sampled as the project proceeds. There was discussion regarding what if anything will be done after the project is complete, to coordinate with CCU to assure the public that all is well. Atkins is testing to prove that fecal waste is either present or not. Residents have reported that they don't think the lift stations are working properly, they cause houses to shake. Ms. Vernon stated that the lift stations are regulated by DEP and CCU and are operating within their guidelines. The reason there have been so many meetings discussing this project is to provide the public with status updates. There was discussion regarding the possibility that the lake may be sitting on a phosphorous field; if so, what options are available to keep the algae from coming back. There was discussion regarding liquidated damage fees and how they are calculated. Liquidated damages are charged to the contractor when a project is not completed on time. Ms. Vernon stated that DOT has a standard scale that is calculated based on project cost; local government and municipalities normally follow those same standards. There have been other contractors that are either paying or have paid liquidated damages to the County. The MSBU receives this money back into their budget. The work assignment sheet has a line item for subs, under direct costs; this means sub-contractors.

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- Desoto Ditch Phase I – Ms. Musselman provided an update. The bid estimate used 27,000 for cubic yards and the contractor said they used 36,000 and submitted an invoice for the difference; the addition was denied. Additional monies have been requested for a restocking fee as we cut the project short and the contractor had already ordered the material. Purchasing reviewed the request and advised that we should pay that fee. Mr. Brown suggested notifying the gulf course of the section that is complete. The project is under budget because it was cut short. Additional costs were incurred due to the relocation of the tortoises. The Committee hopes that purchasing is paying attention to what is happening. Mr. Logan stated that during a meeting with one of the Commissioner's, the Commissioner was extremely upset by the amount of change orders that are submitted. The Committee feels that the Purchasing Department needs more staff to keep things from falling through the cracks.
- Phase II – Ms. Musselman provided an update. The bid specifications will have to be tightened up with additional surveys of the area to get better fill estimates for Phase II. Environmental Services can do a tortoise survey. The current estimate for Phase II is \$1,975,000 million with an estimate for 1 million during FY2015. The total cost is \$3.5 million for design, construction and internal costs. The current CIP had the cost at \$3.6 million which included phase 1. Originally it was estimated at \$3.3 million. The cost to maintain the ditch will have to be determined by M&O. There is no word on the status of the permits for Phase II at this time; ACOE is waiting to hear from National Marine Fisheries. There is no set time requirement for them to reply to the ACOE. The County is hoping to go out to bid for the tortoise removal during the rainy season when the contractor can't work. The Committee stated that with an anticipated start date in August and the bridge project is due to be completed around Thanksgiving, both projects would be done by the end of the year. There was discussion regarding other environmentally sensitive items that may show up. Gators are not protected so they are not a concern. Currently the cost of the project is on budget to 10% over. The next milestones for the projects are the ACOE permit and being able to go forward with permitting.
- There are no new updates on the east/west ditch. It is being maintained by the HOA until all the details can be worked out legally to allow it to be dedicated to the county.
- The Committee asked for a status on the US41 projects. Ms. Vernon suggested stopping by to look in a few weeks at the work being done after the tunnels under the highway are underway. There will be a weir project at Elkam similar to the project that was done on Quesada. Weirs will be installed at the same elevation and should make it easier for water to flow.
- Ms. Vernon stated that the 100% plans for the Kenilworth Project should arrive very quickly and the project should go out to bid soon.
- Financial Reports – The 3 month and 12 month Actual Reports were distributed for review. The tax collection fees for \$50,000 are the fees charged by the Tax Collector's Office for collecting and distributing the taxes. It is normally 2% of what they collect. The funds shown as Excess Fees Miscellaneous are the fees that the MSBU gets back.

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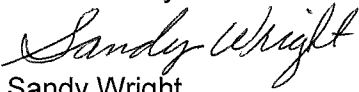
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- There was discussion regarding projects that require CCU to remove or relocate pipes and whose responsibility it is to fund the pipes. Ms. Vernon stated that the BCC recently had CCU pay; however it has not been determined whose responsibility it will be for future projects. The Board stated at a pre-agenda meeting they thought CCU should be responsible for the funding however; it is currently still an unknown.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Wright".

Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

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